

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. - 13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A valve arrangement comprising at least one check valve, the check valve comprising a closing element configured to close at least one bore, wherein the closing element is comprised of a strip formed to a ring according to claim 4, wherein the valve arrangement comprises a valve member having an annular channel (5, 7) and at least one bore (2, 9) opening into the annular channel (5, 7), wherein the strip (10) of the at least one check valve is arranged in the annular channel (5, 7), wherein the strip has an initial position in which initial position the strip is floatingly arranged in the annular channel.

15. (currently amended) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the annular channel (5, 7) is arranged in a valve sleeve (4) of the valve member.

16. (currently amended) The valve arrangement according to claim 15, wherein ~~the strip (10) is positioned in the annular channel (5, 7) and wherein the annular channel (5, 7) has a width greater than a width of the strip (10).~~

17. (withdrawn - currently amended) The valve arrangement according to claim 15, wherein the annular channel (5, 7) is arranged in an inner wall of the valve sleeve (4).

18. (currently amended) The valve arrangement according to claim 15, wherein the annular channel (5, 7) is arranged in an outer wall of the valve sleeve (4), wherein the valve member comprises an auxiliary sleeve (8) surrounding the valve sleeve (4) and closing the annular channel (5, 7) radially outwardly.

19. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A valve arrangement comprising at least one check valve, the check valve comprising a closing element configured to close at least one bore, wherein the closing element is comprised of a strip formed to a ring according to claim 18, wherein the valve arrangement comprises a valve member having an annular channel and at least one bore opening into the annular channel, wherein the strip of the at least one check valve is arranged in the annular channel, wherein the annular channel is arranged in an outer wall of a valve sleeve of the valve member, wherein the valve member comprises an auxiliary sleeve surrounding the valve sleeve and closing the annular channel radially outwardly, wherein the strip (10) rests with elastic pretension against the valve sleeve (1) or the auxiliary sleeve (8).

20.-21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) The valve arrangement according to claim 19 ~~14~~, wherein the strip (~~10~~) is secured against rotation relative to the annular channel (~~5,7~~).

23. (new) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip is comprised of spring steel.

24. (new) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has a substantially rectangular contour.

25. (new) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has ends spaced apart from one another in a mounted position of the strip.

26. (new) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has ends overlapping one another in a mounted position of the strip.

27. (new) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has at least one end which is bent radially inwardly.

28. (new) The check valve according to claim 14, wherein the strip has a diameter which is elastically widenable or reducible.

29. (new) The check valve according to claim 14, wherein the strip has at least one closure.

30. (new) The check valve according to claim 29, wherein the at least one closure is separated from the strip by a gap.

31. (new) The check valve according to claim 30, wherein the at least one closure comprises a closing part and a spring stay connecting the closing part to material of the strip.

32. (new) The check valve according to claim 31, wherein the spring stay is partially separated from the strip by the gap.

33. (new) The check valve according to claim 31, wherein the closing part and the spring stay are arranged symmetrically relative to a longitudinal center plane of the strip.

34. (new) The check valve according to claim 14, wherein the strip has longitudinal sides and wherein at least one of the longitudinal sides has at least one projection.